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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA AND SRI LANKA

1. SRI LANKA COUNSELOR MAHENDRAN TOLD US JULY 1 THAT COLOMBO HAD RECENTLY TURNED DOWN A NORTH KOREA INVITATION FOR SL UN PERMREP AMERSINGHE TO VISIT PYONGYANG.

2. MAHENDRAN SAID THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN CONVEYED THROUGH HIM IN PEKING AND THAT COLOMBO HAD IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED HIM TO REJECT IT. MAHENDRAN SAID THAT GSL WAS CONTINUING TO HANDLE RELATIONS WITH DRPK WITH EXTREME CAUTION, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF 1971 EXPERIENCE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE COLOMBO WILL BE SITE OF 1976 NON-ALIGNED MEETING. BANDARANAIKE, MAHENDRAN SAID, HAS NO INTENTION OF FACILITATING DPRK'S EXPLOITATION OF VISIT TO PYONGYANG FOR PURPOSES OF MANIPULATION OF NON-ALIGNED.

3. MAHENDRAN SPECULATED THAT ROKG'S APPLICATION TO JOIN NON-ALIGNED WILL PUSH DPRK MEMBERSHIP QUESTION INTO 1976 AND THUS INTO COLOMBO.
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